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NEWS SUMMARY:

Steven M. Biskupic, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced today that William N. Martin Jr. (DOB: 6/29/71) plead guilty today in federal court on charges involving a widespread child pornography and child sexual assault ring based out of Beaver Dam Wisconsin. Martin pleaded guilty to multiple counts of inducing a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct, and possession of child pornography that Martin himself had produced by inducing minors to engage in sexually explicit conduct. Martin will be sentenced on August 4, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. before District Judge William C. Griesbach in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Martin faces up to 50 years of imprisonment.

Joel Kline (DOB: 1/7/63), of Freeport, Illinois, who was an associate of Martin's, was sentenced in federal court in September 2004 to life imprisonment, plus 30 years by United States District Judge William C. Griesbach. Kline has a prior state conviction for an aggravated sexual abuse charge.

Adam J. Brown (DOB: 1/6/73), another criminal associate of Martin's, pleaded guilty to traveling across a state line from California to Wisconsin with the intent to engage in a sexual act and enticing a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct. Brown's sentencing date is July 29, 2005. He faces up to 30 years in prison.

Kurt David Sandvig (DOB: 7/14/61), another associate of Martin's, has pleaded guilty to traveling across state lines for the purpose of engaging in a sexual act with a minor. Sandvig's sentencing date is scheduled for July 27, 2005. He faces up to 30 years and has agreed to a 30 year prison term.

Finally, Tim Dirk was charged in state court on charges relating to this federal investigation. He was charged with intent to engage in a sexual act with a person who had not attained the age of 12 years. He was sentenced to approximately 33 years in prison.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; and the Beaver Dam Police Department in cooperation with law enforcement officials from Riverside, California and Kansas City Missouri. The case is assigned to Assistant United States Attorneys William Roach and Brian E. Pawlak.

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